

Minutes of a Town of Riverhead board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited)

Supervisor Walter: "Pastor, would you like us seated, standing- "

Pastor Richard Saladon: "You can all stand."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Pastor Richard Saladon: "Supervisor, Council members, thank you for allowing me to be here tonight."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming."

Pastor Richard Saladon: "It's an honor."

If you would just- all you have to do- I'm going to open a prayer. You can just listen and if you agree, you can say amend at the end.

Father we thank you Lord God for this great town. Father, we ask that Lord- the leadership of this town, Supervisor Walter,

Father, his team of councilmen, Father bless them, give them wisdom, give them health, give them vision for Riverhead. Continue Lord to guide them. Father we thank you Lord God. You're going to make Riverhead the envy of every town everywhere.

Father, we thank you for your blessing on this meeting and your blessing on this town.

In your name we pray, Amen.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. That was Pastor Saladon from Living Waters Full Gospel Church right there in Aquebogue.

All right. We don't have any dogs today; we don't have any presentations. We are going right on to the approval of the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 board meeting minutes."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'd like to make a motion that we approve the March 1, 2011 board minutes. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Diane, applications."

Diane Wilhelm: "Sure."

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

Special event permit

Church of the Harvest, church service on the river followed by Easter egg hunt - April 24, 2011

Special event permit

Church of the Harvest, community appreciation day - July 23, 2011

Special event permit	Polish town civic association - Polish town street fair - Aug. 20 and 21, 2011
Special use permit	James DeLucca, improvement to auto repair shop, 3241 Sound Avenue, Riverhead

**REPORTS:**

Tax Receiver	total tax collection dated March 3, 2011 - \$64,534,929.46  total tax collection dated March 10, 2011 - \$64,677,735.35  total utility collection for February, 2011 - \$265,540.07
Town Clerk	monthly report February, 2011 \$8,824.00
Police Department	monthly report February, 2011

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Oak Hills Assoc. Inc., Calverton	Letter submitted March 7, 2011 re building permit and exemption for work at Fern Road East, Baiting Hollow, New York
Riverside Drive Assoc., Riverhead	petition submitted March 8, 2011 in opposition to the construction of a wind turbine on Riverhead sewer district property

Diane Wilhelm: "And that's it."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, excuse me. Are there any other  
committee reports? No. Okay."

Public hearing opened: 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "Public hearing- the first public hearing is scheduled for 7:05. It's the consideration of a local law to amend Chapter 26 entitled Officers and Employees of the Riverhead town code.

And this public hearing basically sets forth duties and responsibilities of the town attorney's office, duties and responsibilities of the zoning officer- zoning officer of the town of Riverhead and the building department, and duties and responsibilities for the zoning officer in the planning department.

It is being enacted pursuant to municipal home rule and there was- we did slightly change this. Paragraph 11, the powers of the town attorney. The town attorney shall be empowered to commence and defend proceedings or file notice of appeal in the name of the town as in his judgment may be necessary for the benefit or protection of the town in any of its rights or property.

After filing a notice of appeal, the town attorney or designee of the town attorney or special counsel shall be required to obtain town board approval prior to perfecting an appeal.

The town board's approval prior to perfecting an appeal is the language that is slightly different from what was originally noticed.

Does anybody wish to be heard on this?

There being nobody, what we'll do is leave this open for a period of 10 days and for written comment. We'll close the public portion of the meeting and leave it open until, excuse me, Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the office of the town clerk. If you could submit your written comments to the town clerk by the 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30, that would be great."

Public hearing closed: 7:08 p.m.  
Left open for written comment for  
10 days to Friday, March 25, 2011  
at 4:30 p.m.

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Yeah, okay. The next public hearing is scheduled for 7:15. So we are not going to open that up

right now. Yeah, but hold on a second. There's more than one CDA resolutions? Okay, we're going to table Resolution 7.

We'll do the CDA resolutions.

Can I get a motion to close the- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we close the town board meeting and open the CDA meeting. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes."

Meeting adjourned

Meeting reopened

Supervisor Walter: "Dennis, why don't we have you come up- you have to set up? Gary, welcome. All right. We won't officially open it, but this is a resolution calling for a public hearing for the increase and improvement to the facilities of the Riverhead water district well no. 16-1.

And we had a very long and vigorous pumping season last year but thanks to the actions of our water district and honestly the town board, we were able to pretty much meet the capacity except for maybe there was about three or four days we really struggled. One day we really struggled.

I have to tell you. We took office and we could supply about 88% of the water needs of the town of Riverhead and I'm happy to say after quite a bit of work, we're about what, after we do 17, well, we would have been at 126% but you all in Riverhead used so much water last year, after we build plant 17, we'll only be at 116%.

But it will be interesting for the residents to know we are trying to work which hadn't really happened before, but we're trying to work with the Suffolk County Water Authority to increase their supply capacity in Southold by they're potentially putting some wells in and that will help their supply capacity and in turn

hopefully we'll get a (inaudible) charge and help our supply capacity and work with them in Ridge as well.

So it's— the two municipalities, well, they're not really a municipality, we're working pretty closely together to try to do what we can to curb the costs and supply good clean drinking water."

Public hearing opened: 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "All right. That looks like 7:15.

Dennis, I'm going to open this meeting calling for a public hearing for the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Riverhead water district well no. 16-1.

Go ahead, Dennis. Seven fifteen having arrived."

Dennis Kelleher: "Good evening. My name is Dennis Kelleher from the engineering firm of H2M. We are the consulting engineers for the Riverhead water district.

As the supervisor mentioned, this public hearing has been scheduled to discuss the increase in both the capacity and increase in funding in plant no. 16. Plant no. 16 is located on Edwards Avenue.

Gary. Maybe I'll take a step back and give you a little history on plant 16. Actually we've been— the water district has been talking to the town for the last several years about the need to increase the capacity of our well supply.

Back in 2008 the water district conducted a test well program and we looked at different sites throughout the town where we could construct additional wells. One of those sites was the Edwards Avenue site.

In 2009 we held a public hearing in front of the town board to construct a single well site and the total construction cost was \$1.58 million dollars. That was approved and it was going to be financed with a bond.

That single well site was for a flow of approximately two million gallons a day or 1380 gallons per minute.

We actually drilled the well in early 2010 and we had excellent water quality. In addition to that, we had excellent water quantity which is one of the reasons we're having a public hearing tonight.

We needed to get the well on line by last- early last summer- "

Supervisor Walter: "I think I gave you January 1<sup>st</sup>- you're pretty good I think at, excuse me, June 1<sup>st</sup>. I think you got it on around the 25<sup>th</sup> so- "

Dennis Kelleher: "That is correct."

Supervisor Walter: "I want 17 on line by June 1<sup>st</sup>."

Dennis Kelleher: "However, in order to do that we had to come up with what we call an interim treatment plan. Because it usually takes about 12 months to build a complete well site and we didn't have time to do that. We had to do that in more like four months. So we came up with an interim treatment plan.

And that was a separate contract of \$351,000 which was not included in the original bond issue. That project did go off and the contractor completed it and we were up and running by the summer.

I can't stress the importance of having well no. 16-1 last summer is really what save the Riverhead water district. Without that, we would have run out of water.

In the spring of 2010 we were also- our firm was retained to design the permanent treatment system at Edwards Avenue. However since we knew we had an excellent water quality and excellent quantity, we talked about could this site be increased in capacity either with a second well or could we increase well 16-1 for additional capacity.

So when we were designing the permanent site rather than putting in a typical- when you do a one well site, most of the piping and valve is usually eight inch in diameter to handle the flow of two million gallons a day.

When we knew that this site had potential to deliver more water we made a decision at that time during the design of the permanent facility to upsize the piping and all the valves to 12 inch diameter

to handle the double flow.

We thought that was the most cost effective thing to do at the time.

In addition to that, we had to increase some of the electrical service coming to the plant site. Rather than being able to provide water with one 150 horsepower motor, we wanted to again do the right thing and give us enough electrical capacity in case we wanted to put the second well at the site.

So that was built into the permanent construction which was actually advertised for bids last summer and the town board awarded the bid to the contractor in September of last year.

When the prices came in, it came in at approximately \$230,000 over the original estimate. Almost all this was due to the upsizing of the plant site which we felt was the most cost effective thing to do.

And, Gary, next sheet.

The permanent construction is currently under construction at this time and it will be in operation by this summer.

As shown on this sheet, the actual cost of the project, the well contract was just under 200,000. The permanent facility was 1.38 million. The engineering of 230,000, and then if you include the interim treatment which was used at plant 16 of 351. And item 3 I'll talk about in a second. A report and DEC application to increase the capacity of 20,000.

Total of what we are asking the board to approve is total construction costs of 2.18 million.

What we made a decision was-- additional capacity at 16, we looked at what are the options the district has to increase that capacity. We could build another well at another site at an estimated cost of approximately \$2 million dollars, or we could build a second well at that site for approximately a million dollars.

But after, I guess, Superintendent Pendzick, Assistant Superintendent Conklin and the Supervisor had a meeting and came up



with the idea of can we get more water out of the existing well. And actually we can.

And actually a lot of water suppliers in Nassau and Suffolk County are doing this. Because of last summer being such a great demand, a lot of people are looking at their existing wells to see if we can actually get more capacity out of it.

Actually we've got well 16, we've been able to pump up to 1800 gallons a minute out of it and we think we can possibly get more.

However, we need New York State DEC approval. We've had preliminary conversations with them and they have approved it in other parts of the county so that's what item 3 is. We would need to do an engineering report and an application to the DEC.

The well as it is right now can pump 1,800 gallons a minute. We were able to do that last summer. We can-- we think we can actually go over 2,000 a minute. So it's almost like providing almost another whole well."

Supervisor Walter: "We're hoping-- we're shooting for 2,000. I'm shooting for 2,000 gallons a minute."

Dennis Kelleher: "We are-- that is what we're going to ask for."

Supervisor Walter: "Is the engineering-- will the motor well heads support that?"

Dennis Kelleher: "The well in place, the-- actually screen in the well, can deliver up to 1,400 gallons a minute. So but the pump in place will not and the motor starter so we may have to (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "But that's a heck of a lot cheaper than (inaudible)."

Dennis Kelleher: "That is correct."

As I mentioned before, financing is in place for \$1.58 million. So the difference between the total project cost of 2.18 and the existing bonding which is already in place of 1.58 is just over \$600,000."

Supervisor Walter: "Now this interim treatment plant is going to be moved over to well 17?"

Dennis Kelleher: "That is correct. The interim treatment plant which provides for chlorination and PH adjustment actually will be moved over from 16 to 17 and it's actually- we have a contractor already in place to do that."

Supervisor Walter: "Had we not been under the gun, had the town done this from 2006 forward, we wouldn't have needed that because everything would have been in place."

Dennis Kelleher: "That is correct."

Supervisor Walter: "We are really under the gun here to get this- get these wells in."

Dennis Kelleher: "That is correct. So actually well 17 which is being drilled right now, the contractor is drilling it, with the interim treatment, we will have that up and running by this summer also."

Supervisor Walter: "Well 17, did we put the 12 inch pipe design in there as well? Do we think we can support- "

Dennis Kelleher: "We did not. We thought we were insufficient- we got pricing for both but we only awarded the contract for the eight inch but because we do have the capabilities, we may come back to the town board after we complete the drilling of the well- "

Supervisor Walter: "Test well."

Dennis Kelleher: "-- to be able to determine if it could pump additional flow."

Supervisor Walter: "Which I think the board would rather look for a 2,000 gallon per minute well if the aquifer would support it and the DEC will allow it."

Dennis Kelleher: "It's too premature for us to make that determination."

In order to finance the \$601,000 the water district worked hard

with the town accounting department to see where additional funds. We did not want to go back and increase bonding.

The water district has a reserve account and actually we spent a lot of time at the end of last year looking at all of our completed projects, projects that have been completed over the last several years, projects there were completed under budget, and we were able to close out projects with leftover money of approximately \$520,000.

In addition to that, the water district was able to look at last year's budget and save approximately \$200,000 so we were able to actually save approximately \$700,000 over the last several years to be able to finance this project.

So, Gary, the last sheet. By approving the additional cost of this project to increase the capacity there will be no increase in taxes and no increase in water rates."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Dennis Kelleher: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Does anybody have any questions?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I ask a question? Are you going to- is there any place to store this water or is this a direct pump?"

Dennis Kelleher: "This would be a direct pump right into the system."

Councilman Dunleavy: "All right. Now, can the other pipes that are already in the system handle- "

Dennis Kelleher: "Yes. We actually have a computer model where before we locate a well, we want to make sure we have the infrastructure, the water main already in the street to pump it in there. And we're fortunate up in the Edwards Avenue site, there are enough 12 inch pipes in the immediate area to be able to take the flow up to 2,000 gallons a minute and push it out to the system."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Those people over there in the village green are going to have some really good water pressure."

Dennis Kelleher: "Excellent pressure, yes."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I just want to ask you that \$200,000 in savings from the 2010 budget, what was that a result of?"

Dennis Kelleher: "Superintendent Pendzick, I think you can answer that better than I."

Superintendent Pendzick: "It was out of our operating budget for 2010."

Councilwoman Giglio: "So how did you save \$200,000? I mean it was just \$200,00 extra that you had built into the budget or- "

Superintendent Pendzick: "In other words, these were funds in our operating budget that we hadn't spent in 2010's operating budget."

Supervisor Walter: "Because we never approved things for you? We don't- well- "

Superintendent Pendzick: "We were given a task to find the money and we did."

Supervisor Walter: "The other side of the coin is you made a lot of money in 2010. That's really where it probably came from. You pumped a lot of water. We make a lot of money when you pump a lot of water."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I want to thank him because he's giving this money back to the taxpayers of the town of Riverhead so we don't have to add any additional taxes onto them. So, thanks for finding it."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, all right. Does anybody else wish to be heard on this matter? Not seeing anybody, I'll close the public hearing portion of this public comment portion and leave it open for written comments until Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the Riverhead town clerk's office."

Public hearing closed: 7:25 p.m.

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Sal, I didn't even announce. This is Sal Mastropolo's moment. This is the moment when we-- I go to public comment on resolutions. Sal, what do you have for us?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "173. The quarter of a million dollars for Suffolk Theater, is that limited to the exterior, the interior, or both?"

Supervisor Walter: "I believe he's using this for the marquee that he's putting up. I don't know that it's limited-- Chris, do you want to answer that?"

Chris Kempner: "Yes, it's actually (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "Could you speak into the mike, Chris?"

Chris Kempner: "It's for the marquee and the interior office and it's leveraged by an additional \$500,000 in private funding."

Supervisor Walter: "It's a state grant."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Yeah, I know. I just wanted to make sure that it was being used on the exterior and not to renovate the interior of the building.

Do we have an idea when this is-- when it's going to finally open?"

Supervisor Walter: "He's working on it. His goal and my goal is to see it open by January. I don't know if that will be reality, but-- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "January of what year, 2014, 2015?"

Supervisor Walter: "2012."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Now, now. Be optimistic."

Supervisor Walter: "That's what he was shooting for. I don't know if that will happen. Yeah, it's 18 months. It probably will be more like, yeah, I don't know that it will be open January. But he is looking to have it opened in 2012.

And we're going to do everything we can to help him with that."

Sal Mastropaolo: "177. Can you share with the public what the stipulation of agreement was? Particularly since the first resolve says for the contract years 2011 to 2014."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, this is the contract. This is the contract with the CSEA, the contract with the CSEA for-- it's a four year contract. It's 2.5% over four years. It's zero in '11; zero in '12; 1 in '13 and 1.5 in '14.'" "

Sal Mastropaolo: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "And I think just about every other contract term is the same."

Sal Mastropaolo: "193. I'm going to re-state my objection from two weeks ago. I know there is at least one member on the town board that agrees with me so I'm going to ask the rest of the town board to reconsider changing this from 5,000 to 3,000.

I think it's a mistake. Nothing is going down in terms of cost and all you're doing is lowering the revenue of the town."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I think, Sal, it kind of reflects the land values in town. It goes with that when it goes up and it goes down when it goes down. That's kind of how it's been written from day one."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Well, then let me ask a question. If this goes down to \$3,000, is somebody going to put some kind of a stipulation on the calendar that every year at a certain time we're going to review the cost of real estate and if the price of an acre of land goes up, we're going to reinstate the higher price? Or is this just going to go by the wayside and never to be looked at again?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Oh, it's been going up and down now for the last 10 years. It was 3,000, it went up to five."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Right."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Now it's going back to three. So it's been looked at probably every two years or so."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Originally it started at 2,500, wasn't it?"

Supervisor Walter: "It was a lot lower. Yes. We're just trying-- Sal, every once in a while it's nice when the taxes and fees go down and this is one of those times."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Yeah, okay. I still think we can use the money to finish the park at EPCAL rather than lower the fees. But, okay."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't disagree with you but it is tied to the land values and we want to try and be consistent."

What else have you got?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "203, there's no attached agreement."

Supervisor Walter: "Let's see. 203. Yeah, I don't have an attached agreement. I have the resolution, I don't have the attached agreement."

This is probably the same agreement we've always used. Yeah, I mean this is something that we do every year.

Who does the agreement, Tara? We'll make sure it goes through the town attorney's office before I sign it. I mean it's a pretty standard (inaudible), but I don't sign anything before it goes to the town attorney's office."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Can we approve it with no increase or do we know if there's an increase from last year to this year or if it's-- we pay a standard fee for this type of service?"

(Some inaudible comment)

Councilwoman Giglio: "So it's the same fee that it has been for last year and the year before and the year before?"

Unidentified: "As far as I know, it hasn't changed."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. 207. The sixth whereas, change the word first to second."

Councilman Wooten: "Good catch."

Councilwoman Giglio: "George, that one is yours."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to win- I'm going to beat that supervisor in Southampton the next boat race."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "You guarantee that, right?"

Supervisor Walter: "You guarantee that- Gabrielsen boat works guaranteed that."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "We've got a new designed Gabrielsen boat works boat for you, Sean."

Sal Mastropaolo: "208- "

Supervisor Walter: "As my kids say, when I (inaudible), I'm going to win."

Sal Mastropaolo: "208. On the third page, award #57, we're not really buying landscaping wood mulch, are we with all the wood mulch that we create from the brush that we take in?"

Supervisor Walter: "Probably not but, Tara, don't approve any landscape brush, mulch. These are standard bid specs and we just won't approve it."

Sal Mastropaolo: "That's it."

Supervisor Walter: "Tara doesn't let anything go through."

Okay, does anybody else wish to be heard on just the resolutions? Mr. Roman, you're like a frequent flier here now."

Steve Romano: "Good evening, Steve Romano, Riverhead. In regards to Resolution 177, are there any benefit changes in regards to the four year contract?"



Supervisor Walter: "No, everything is pretty much exactly the same. The only-- there's some-- a couple on call-- I think we-- didn't we broaden the on call for the sewer and the water district so originally you just had one or two classifications (inaudible) on call. Now we have a couple more. But everything else we cut right to the chase, just went, you know, right to the numbers."

Steve Romano: "On the surface, the agreement seems very reasonable. This would be my concern and I don't know if the board had the same concern."

With the economic uncertainty that faces every town, every state, every county and the federal government with the potential of this New York State 2% property tax cap, with the unfunded pensions or the additional monies that a lot of the towns are going to be required to put into the state pension fund, wouldn't we might be better off-- I know these three, four year deals have been going on for like 20 years, kind of going year by year and seeing where the economy takes us, and then at some point where we think we're back on track to go for a long term contract?"

Supervisor Walter: "I think the-- you are rolling the dice here and the reason that I say that in that-- in what you're saying because we have a three year contract now and-- no, the old contract. It was a two year contract."

And what happens here-- it was a three year contract, wasn't it? And that's the point that I'm making. If things are bad now, this was a fairly decent contract for the town to negotiate, and you have to remember it's a very good contract.

It's a good contract for the employees, too, but it's a good contract for the town. We're one of the few towns where the employees pay 25% of their medical for 10 years.

And what I've seen in the past and I think one of the reasons the board went in this direction, is a lot of municipalities and it even happened with the county and they got Steve over a barrel and the county workers did just slightly better I think, times are lean now.

When times are better and you don't have a contract, all of a sudden you're out a year and a half negotiating, you go to arbitration, times are better, you wind up with a contract where

you're paying retroactive pay and you probably-- you may have had that when you worked at the water district-- water authority. That's worse for the town."

Steve Romano: "Well, the union did. But I was in management so we-- and that's why I said management goes year by year. I don't know if the town management goes year by year the same way."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes, well."

Steve Romano: "And I just don't see it turning around. I pray that it does and, yes, you're gambling but my position always-- that the town boards would always be fair. When money is rolling in or money is better, the raises get better. When it isn't, I'm just scared for the future but I'm not sure what else you could have done. It basically is a wage freeze for almost four years."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, pretty much."

Steve Romano: "And I don't see the union, you know-- the only other question I had is and I don't know if I read it in Newsday or-- does this also contain a no layoff clause?"

Supervisor Walter: "For 2011."

Steve Romano: "Oh, just for 2011. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thanks, Steve. Would anybody else like to be heard on the resolutions? Okay, then, Diane, let's take them up."

#### Resolution #173

Councilman Dunleavy: "Riverhead downtown revitalization improvement project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

#### Resolution #174

Councilman Wooten: "Acceptance of the 2008 audited financial statements. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, abstain; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #175

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Accessory Apartments, Section 108-34 purpose; findings; standards. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #176

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes change order for optimized reconstruction of Calverton rail spur. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #177

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ratifies and approves stipulation of agreement (CSEA and TOR). So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And I want to thank Matt Hatorff and Tara McLaughlin. I know they worked a lot of hours on this. So good job, guys."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #178

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the town clerk to advertise for bids project No. Riverhead Water District 10-53 installation of water main and appurtenances extension No. 89 Peconic River Sportsman's Club Riverhead Water District. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Don't give me anymore like that to read again. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This is going to be paid by the federal government, the Navy. So, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #179

Supervisor Walter: "Hold on. That last resolution I just want to thank the DEC, Bill (inaudible) moved this permit quickly so that the Navy could get on with the installation and we thank him for that."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. And the Sportsman's Club is very thankful, too, because they've been drinking out of plastic bottles for many, many years. So they'll have good water now."

Supervisor Walter: "All right, now we're done."

Resolution #179

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the town clerk to advertise for bids Project No. Riverhead Water District 10-55, installation of water main and appurtenances Stoneleigh Woods - Phase 2 Riverhead Water District. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #180

Councilwoman Giglio: "It's okay. I checked it out. They hadn't paid the water fees yet but they pay it after the bid comes back."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, all right. Next, sorry, Diane."

Resolution #180

Councilwoman Giglio: "Awards bid on 1995 Summit Aluminum Trailer. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #181

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid on 1979 Peterbilt tractor. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #182

Councilman Wooten: "182 appoints an intern to the police department. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #183

Councilwoman Giglio: "Reappoints member to the Architectural Review Board of the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #184

Councilwoman Giglio: "Reappoints member to the Architectural Review Board of the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #185, #186, #187

Councilman Dunleavy: "Reappoints member to the Architectural Review Board of the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Can we call 185, 186, 187 all together because they're all reappoints members to the Architectural Review Board? Call 185, 186, and 187."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we call 186-- 185, 186 and 187, reappoints members to the Architectural Review Board of the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolutions 185, 186 and 187 are adopted."

Resolution #188

Councilwoman Giglio: "Reappoints member to the Conservation Advisory Council of the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #189

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes attendance at the 2011 New York Station Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials annual spring conference. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Don't vote please.

Who's going to this?"

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'm going to be consistent on these trips. No."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. It's good training so I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, no. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #190

Councilwoman Giglio: "I'll call it.

Appoints a part time recreation aide volleyball attendant to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #191

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a local law for the proposed addition of Chapter 99 entitled Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Wait. This is the John Dunleavy taxicab ordinance, period. He brought it to us, he wanted us to do it, now we're doing it. There you go."



The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. I want to thank the supervisor. I've been trying to get this thing passed for the last two and a half years and finally the supervisor brought it to the town board. So thank you."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #192

Councilwoman Giglio: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, accessory apartments - Section 108-35 Applications. And this is just housekeeping. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #193

Councilman Dunleavy: "Adopts a local law amending Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Section 108-97 Major Subdivision B (14)(c) Park and Playground sites. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I just want to point out and I know Sal had brought it up that we're dropping the fee from 5,000 to 3,000 and I also want to point out that this was run past the recreation advisory committee and (inaudible) and they were fine with it."

So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "I just know the way the government sometimes operate and sometimes what we do now in the best interest is not-- we lost track of things.

I sit on the open space committee and they're certainly not in favor of this. They feel in these times the rec money is very important for the parks.

I say no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Again I looked hard and long into this. These are fees we charge our developers for residential houses. We're lowering this fee. That means we're going to up the taxes on our general population to make for this fee that we're lowering.

We need parks, we need EPCAL. We have to finish EPCAL. We need this money. So I have to vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "That's a yes? The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #194

Councilman Wooten: "I totally understand it and I can go either way but I just-- "

Supervisor Walter: "I know. I was going to be the see-saw between you guys."

Councilman Wooten: "I appreciate the rec. The rec does a lot for this town and believe me I take advantage of it all I can. But I don't think we should-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Well, it's interesting. George had a really good find at EPCAL. He was out there and I guess the ballfields or the polo-- maybe the-- tell us what you are finding up there."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes. Inside our park we had open about 30 acres that as of last fall and I know Ray Coyne has been out there from recreation. It's kind of suspicious. There could be some good soccer fields there once we cleaned it up, cut the grass, pulled, you know, all the debris out, etc.

And the building and grounds did great. They went out there and mowed it all and we had inspection actually yesterday with the rec advisory committee also, a member of PAL and Ray Coyne was out there and we determined that those fields can be used.

So we're going to get two multi-purpose fields built out at EPCAL. They're actually built. We have to put up the goal posts, etc. at no cost to the taxpayers.

This was like a real good find. We thought it would be there. We found it and this is going to be good."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah. We're going to be in good shape."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Grumman used to use it for their fields. Right?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yeah. I think— actually what we traced back about 10, 11 years ago, the town of Brookhaven leased that property from us and they put some money into fixing them but it just got overgrown when we let it go. So— "

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you Brookhaven residents."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "It's a win-win for the town because originally in Phase II of the EPCAL park we were looking to spend close to half a million dollars on all purpose field. So it's like a big find."

Supervisor Walter: "Look at that. We offset that \$3,000— \$2,000— "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes. We just found half a million."

Supervisor Walter: "All right."

Resolution #194

Councilman Wooten: "Adopts a local law amending Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Peconic River Community zoning use district. So moved.

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #195, #196, #197

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Adopts a local law amending Chapter 37 entitled Retirement of the Riverhead town code, Article II, early retirement incentive program for eligible non-union full time employees. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Can we do 195, 196, 197 together because they're all exactly the same except slightly different employees?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Okay, I make a move to approve 195, 196 and 197."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolutions 195, 196, 197 are adopted."

Resolution #198

Councilman Wooten: "198, very important. This is an amendment to the procurement policy. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Now this is the Jodi Giglio amendment to the procurement policy. So now instead of just throwing things out and not keeping track, we've got a policy to keep track of what is being excess in this town. So good work, Jodi."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Where were we? Where were we? I'm lost. Did we move and second it?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded, 198."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. After having a resolution before the board in January that consisted of 14 pages of snow blowers and mowing-- lawn mowing machines and things of that nature, the entire board saw fit to amend our procurement policy to account for these items that they aren't just discarded without being able to offer them back to the public at an auction.

So we will be arranging for the auctions to be posted on the web site. We will post the location and all are welcome to come and bid on the items. So it's a good thing."

Diane Wilhelm: "That's a yes?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes."

Supervisor Walter: "What do you want to rush out so you can take your-- "

Councilman Wooten: "No, I was going to say something but I (inaudible)."

Diane Wilhelm: "Is that a yes?"

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

#### Resolution #199

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize the refund of overpayment of various Sunken Pond Estates water bills. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "This number goes way back like three years ago, four years ago?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes."

Councilman Wooten: "Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #200

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute a professional services agreement with Jeffrey T. Butler, P.E. for the reconstruction of the town building department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded. Where's this?"

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'm glad we're finally getting this thing moved, for a couple months, they've been there half a year now and-- "

Supervisor Walter: "They actually like the new building better."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #201

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid for PLC

Programming/Integration for the Riverhead water district. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Gary, what is this?"

Councilman Wooten: "This is a new way they're going to do billing."

Gary Pendzick: "Gary Pendzick, Superintendent Riverhead Water. PLC is a programmable logic circuit. It's part of a control system that runs our pump stations."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, okay, that's right."

Gary Pendzick: "And the programming integration, if you will, is how you, well, it's hard to— no, it's not hard to explain. What it is, is these are mini computers. They are computer chips. It's a— if you go back, each one of these chips is probably equable— well, equal to like a 486 of 20 years ago, and they can be programmed pertaining to the specific use in a pump station whether it be pressure, tank level, flow, the whole nine yards. They have multiple uses."

Supervisor Walter: "It makes us more efficient in our pumping the water where we need it, I guess."

Gary Pendzick: "Yeah. If you recall, last year I brought in our people had been replacing old electronics with these PLC's. One of them replaces thousands of feet of wire so it's modern day catch up."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Okay."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #202

Councilman Wooten: "Awards bid for a 2011 fire responder vehicle for town of Riverhead ambulance district. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #203

Supervisor Walter: "Hold on a second. Our town engineer is not here? Will you remind me to ask him where we are for the air conditioning for the ambulance district for those various barns? I'm sorry. Go ahead, Diane."

Resolution #203

Councilman Gabrielsen: "203 appoints an interpreter for the police department and justice court. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "At the same rate as last year. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Same rate, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #204

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 45 entitled Alarm Systems of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And second."



Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #205

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 52 entitled Building Construction of the Riverhead town code Article II green building standards for town owned buildings. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #206

Councilman Wooten: "This authorizes one police department employee to transport the vehicle weight scales to Syracuse for calibration. I suppose he's going to use a car."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah. The only place he can calibrate a scale is Syracuse, New York."

Councilman Wooten: "So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I just ask the chief one question? How many times are these scales used? Are they used in conjunction with the DOT and the state police? So they are used in conjunction with them."

Okay. We don't use them by ourselves? You have? I have never seen them in operation.

Okay. Thank you."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #207

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Establishes date and time of 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Riverhead Cardboard boat race. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded with the amendment. On the sixth whereas, it should say the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Riverhead cardboard boat race."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I just want to announce that it is June 26<sup>th</sup>, it's a Sunday at 12:00 noon and this going to be bigger and better. We're going to have live music, plenty of good food. And also this year we're going to have a hula hoop competition. A hula hoop competition, yes. And Sean is going to compete in that (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "And I might lose. And we'll be displaying all of the fine works from Gabrielsen boat works on the center stage there."

Diane Wilhelm: "So that was a yes, George?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll wear a hula hoop as long as it inflates. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #208

Councilwoman Giglio: "Awards bid for annual materials and asphalt procurement contract. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #209

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion to pay the bills. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Diane Wilhelm: "And we can take the one off the floor?"

Supervisor Walter: "We're going to take Resolution- what's the number- 210 off the floor."

Resolution #210

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we take Resolution #210 off the floor. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Supervisor Walter: "That's the authorizes the supervisor to execute a stipulation of agreement with the Riverhead Police Benevolent Association."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is taken off the floor."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. This is a resolution- this is the lag payroll for the Riverhead police department that we- is part of our budget."

Councilman Wooten: "This is PBA, not the SOA?"

Supervisor Walter: "Just the PBA. Correct."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to execute a stipulation of agreement with the Riverhead Police Benevolent Association. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Councilman Wooten: "I noticed- I have a question. I noticed that- I know that we did a lot of re-appointments and clean up from January (inaudible), is there a reason for that?"

Supervisor Walter: "Just, we had to have some (inaudible). And we just didn't- the planning board and zoning board, we just have to have some additional conversations. That's it."

Harris Bloom & Archer LLP, they submitted a letter. This is not regarding anything but rather something in the future and you've stamped that in?"

(Some inaudible comment by Diane Wilhelm)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Sound good. I'll read it. We'll read it."

Does anybody like to address the board of any issue before the board or that you'd like to bring before the board?"

Sue Hansen: "Hi. Can you hear me?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

Sue Hansen: "My name is Sue Hansen, I'm from Rocky Point. And once again I'm here to comment on the Riverhead animal shelter."

Complaints about the shelter by residents and non-residents alike particularly animal advocates have been going on for 15 years,

but if you can believe Supervisor Sean Walter as reported in two local newspapers, quote, he hopes to have a solution to the animal shelter problems within 30 days.

That 30 days is now down to 12 so by the next town board meeting, this should all be resolved. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. It hasn't happened yet and Riverhead has been notorious for ignoring problems at the shelter over the past 15 years, wishfully hoping the problems or those who talk about them would just go away.

I recall the most recent events, again, October, 2010, a dog Bruno was surrendered to the shelter by his owner. The shelter discovered that Bruno had a bite history, one, I repeat, one isolated incident.

He was at the shelter for over two months. During that time, Bruno exhibited no signs of being dangerous and beyond rehabilitation as required by a local town resolution to warrant euthanasia.

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Chief of Police David Hegermiller stated at an animal shelter advisory committee meeting that Bruno was going to be euthanized the next day. Councilman Jim Wooten requested the Chief to postpone the execution. The Chief responded that it was urgent but when questioned why, he was silent.

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, animal control officer Lou Coronesi brought Bruno to a local vet, Dr. Amish of the Aquebogue Animal Hospital, and the dog was killed.

It was reported in several news stories that Lou Coronesi told Supervisor Walter that Bruno bit a child in the face and the girl had to be hospitalized. The supervisor who had publicly stated that he was prepared to quote make the tough decision authorized Bruno's death.

As it turned out, the story was a lie. The true story was that the owner was breaking up a dog fight between two of his dogs and suffered a minor abrasion. In addition it was not clear which dog accidentally bit him. Bruno may not have bitten anyone, yet he was killed as the result of a lie.

The disciplinary action for this offense as reported on the

Riverhead patch web site was a letter of reprimand placed in Lou Coronesi's file. Ouch.

I still have a number of unanswered questions regarding this travesty. Supervisor Walter has refused to disclose- "

Supervisor Walter: "You can continue."

Sue Hansen: "You could listen."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm listening."

Sue Hansen: "Supervisor Walter has refused to disclose additional details, hiding behind a veil of secrecy called a personnel issue. There has been no investigative report, no admission of the truth, and those who do know the truth, have been reticent.

This incident occurred at a municipal shelter, a public facility paid for by taxpayer dollars run by civil service employees whose salaries and benefits are paid for by taxpayer dollars, yet the public does not have a right to know why this occurred.

I will pose two theoretical questions which I suspect Mr. Walter will decline to answer as well. Number one, what kind of person would kill a dog, a dog that has done no intentional harm to anyone and lie about the circumstances in order to gain approval?

Number two. What kind of person would excuse and even protect such an individual and not hold them accountable for their actions?

In my mind there is a very short list of possible reasons why Mr. Coronesi has not been fired outright for his outrageous and egregious actions, but the only one that fits, the one rational explanation why he not only continues to remain employed by the town, but continues in his role at the animal shelter, is that he acted with the full knowledge and approval of the chief of police.

It is my theory that this is Mr. Coronesi's get out of jail free card. It explains the chief's silence when questioned why Bruno's death was urgent and it explains the supervisor's failure to take more affirmative action.

And if Mr. Walter would care to refute or comment on my theory,

please do, and tell me I'm mistaken. Then I can theorize on an alternate reason, patronage. Should I go there in search of the truth?"

Supervisor Walter: "Actually if you could wrap it up. You're just about over your five minutes."

Sue Hansen: "I'm sure you'd like me to wrap it up."

Supervisor Walter: "You're just about over your five minutes and that is the rule- "

Sue Hansen: "I've got a few more sentences. Slow your (inaudible)."

The members of this board, all five, as well as the CSEA union need to do some serious soul searching.

Lastly, Mr. Walter, I don't know how much of a tough decision it was for you to authorize Bruno's death, but within the next 12 days, you have another tough decision to make. I hope this time you get it right."

Supervisor Walter: "Would anybody else like to be heard? Yes."

Sergio Diaz: "Good evening."

Supervisor Walter: "Good evening."

Sergio Diaz: "I'm Sergio Diaz. I'm a labor relations specialist, the CSEA."

Supervisor Walter: "And I know you are part of our union contract and I don't know what you call it, you're coming for, but thank you for your help getting that negotiated."

Sergio Diaz: "I appreciate that. Thank you. I'm here to respond to the previous speaker in regards to Lou.

Lou is a decent man. He's a union member, a member in good standing and he's been an employee of this town for quite some time.

Last I checked, according to our contract and most contracts

across the Island, Lou follows the directions of his supervisor. He did his job and, again, it's a personnel issue which I don't feel should be brought into this forum."

Supervisor Walter: "I agree."

Sergio Diaz: "It's a personnel issue that should be brought in a more confidential and a more private place. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "We agree. Miss Hansen, please sit down. Miss Hansen we're not going--"

Sue Hansen: "If I could just make one comment."

Supervisor Walter: "-- we're not going back--"

Sue Hansen: "I would not bring it up publicly if it could be resolved, but it hasn't been resolved."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Thank you. Would anybody else like to be heard tonight? Mr. Romano."

Steve Romano: "On Resolution 198, the amendment for procurement policy."

Supervisor Walter: "You could lift that microphone."

Steve Romano: "Sorry. On the procurement policy, you might also want to consider e-bay. That was very successful at my former place of employment. We tried our own auctions; we tried auctioneering and were very successful with e-bay. So I know you want to try and keep it local, just list the items and you'd be surprised."

Councilman Wooten: "I think there's a company that actually--"

Steve Romano: "Yeah. They get a little percentage, but I think it might, you know, you might want to try the auction first but if that's not successful--"

Supervisor Walter: "Rather than-- chief, you really do control a lot of the auctions, don't you? Maybe we can play around with e-bay."



Steve Romano: "Yeah. We even put the cars of e-bay and, you know, there was a bottom line price and it worked out pretty good."

Councilman Wooten: "I know (inaudible) the police department--"

Supervisor Walter: "Well, we run those police cars into the ground."

Steve Romano: "One other thing. I wasn't going to comment on the dog situation but I think at one of the meetings I had asked Councilman-- and Councilman Wooten responded in regard to going out for bids for privatizing the shelter and trying to maybe remove some of the issues that face the town on an every day basis. And maybe a private outfit could do it a little bit better and some of these things be resolved.

But I think I read it in one of the papers that there were no bids."

Councilman Wooten: "We had one bid. One bid."

Steve Romano: "Are we considering that bid?"

Supervisor Walter: "I don't think so because we went out to bid a second time and received the same bidder. We wanted some competition.

We've had some preliminary conversations but I don't think they'll be wrapped up by the 12<sup>th</sup> but-- or in 12 days, but we've had some preliminary conversations with Supervisor Mark Lesko about combining our efforts with the town of Brookhaven. They've got a very-- they've got a really great shelter manager. What was her name? Dory Scoffield (phonetic). This woman was able to adopt out 100 dogs last month, I think it was the month of January in Brookhaven.

So, you know, if we can combine our efforts. Supervisor Lesko and Jane Bonner (phonetic) have a theory of creating sort of a regional animal shelter on the east end of Brookhaven and so we've been discussing numbers back and forth and if they can deliver the service that we currently provide to our residents at a decreased cost, you know, we'll put that up to a vote.

But in the interim, there may be some other things that we- "

Councilman Wooten: "There's a couple other avenues we're (inaudible)."

Steve Romano: "Thank you."

Councilman Wooten: "We're not getting, you know, I don't want to get too specific."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Does anybody else wish to be heard? No? Can I get a motion to adjourn?"

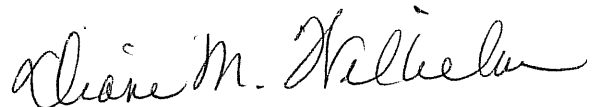
Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we adjourn."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor?"

Collective response: "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming."

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

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